Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Can they not get the information if they want?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They may get the information, But they do not know if they will be absolutely correct in giving the information regarding a Company in which their interest is only that of a share-holder. (*Hear, hear.*)

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was any lawyer notice given to the Company before the suit was instituted?

President.—Notice was given.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When the Company promised to hand over the Company to Government, why did not they take it up?

President.—They did not want to take it up. Government did not think that it would be justified in assuming the management of the Company, and so the Government refused to take up the management.

Chalakkudi Potteries.

252. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the Chalakkudi Potteries has re-started work;

(2) (i) whether the Hon'ble Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya did not visit both these Factories; and

(ii) record practically identical opinion with regard to the future working of both the Tanneries, Ltd. and Potteries;

(3) whether the Economic Development Board did not recommend to the Government the withdrawing of the suit, if it had been filed by the time of the recommendation;

(4) what orders, if any, have been passed on the recommendation;

(5) in case of the sale of the Tanneries Ltd., do not the Government stand to lose almost the same amount of money as they have invested in the Potteries, in addition to an equal amount by the people of Cochin?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) The Factory never stopped work.

(2) (i) Yes.

(ii) It is a matter of opinion.

(3) Yes.

(4) Vide answer to part 22 of question No. 251.

(5) Government cannot say.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Answer to (1). Are we to understand that any or all of the kilns were continuously working from the start?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That answer does not suggest that inference.

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Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—So it continued working? Did any or all the kilns work continuously?

President.—Your question is whether it has re-started work. That may imply that there was already a starting and then a stoppage and then a re-starting. Understanding that question in that light, the answer is that the factory never stopped work, so that it may be restarted.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—If it never stopped working, it must have been continuously working.

President.—Whether there was any change in the method of working, these are all details.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—My question is whether any or all the kilns were working continuously.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Factory was working but not up to its maximum limit.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—I never asked about the maximum.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—You assume that once upon a time it was working up to its maximum limit.

President.—There are 18 kilns and all of them were never working. So that some were working and some were not, and this working of some of the kilns was never stopped.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.— I gave allowance for that position. Whether *any* or all the kilns were continuously working.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It was working intermittently. The kilns took some time to cool down, and in the meanwhile we manufactured raw products before a fresh kiln was put. The work was going on in the Factory all the time.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Was the work for which the Factory was intended going on or any other work?

President.—The original idea was to produce jars and pipes. This was the only work for which it was intended.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—What is the question I am to answer?

President.—From the way in which I understand the Hon'ble Member, he says, at the time of the foundation, it was the intention to go on with certain works. Had these works been stopped? That is the question. Particularly jars, earthenware, etc. That is the way in which I have understood it.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Factory was intended to make jars and pipes. Later on it was suggested that the Factory was not suited for the construction of pipes, and other kinds of manufacture like the minton tiles, fire bricks and all these things are done.

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Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—The answer to (2) is 'it is a matter of opinion'. Whether they are identical or not is a matter of opinion.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—(5). Is it because Government do not know or are not willing to say ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Government do not know.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to inquire whether it is a fact ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Government inquired about it but could not find out. We tried to understand the question but could not understand what it meant.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—The question was answered before it was clear ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Government did not understand exactly what the Member meant by that question.

President.—The proper answer is 'the question is not intelligible.'

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We understood it in some manner. (*Laughter.*)

President.—I should have disallowed that question being hypothetical. It has escaped my notice.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—I am glad.

Article in the Mahathi regarding the Mala Hospital.

253. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have perused the article by "ന്ിത ജനൻ" under the heading "ആസ്ുത്രിയിലെ അനാഥതമ" in the Mahathi on 29th Vrischigam 1105;

(2) if so, whether it is a fact that the old woman was given the treatment complained of;

(3) whether there is any truth in the statement made therein regarding the conduct of treating patients ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) Yes.

(2) The matter is being enquired into.

(3) No answer is necessary in view of the answer given above.

Sale of timber to Mr. V. K. Ammunni Menon.

254. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table of the House the copy of the

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